

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and sustainability in the built environment which affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS: This confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians: building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers, and others in the construction industry who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS: These dedicated members of the International Code Council use the knowledge of local, state, and federal building experts to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS: The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties, and states; These modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS: The theme for Building Safety Month 2017, *Code Officials- Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth* encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS: Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2017, as

**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH IN ARKANSAS**

across the State in recognition of the work of our local code officials who ensure safe, efficient, and livable buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2017.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State